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SUBJ: BURMESE REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL GUB REACTION TO THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT. THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS CARRIED STANDARD WIRE-SERVICE ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT AND ITS AFTERMATH WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. WHEN AN EMBOFF CALLED ON A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE GUB DELEGATION TO COLOMBO TO INQUIRE ABOUT MATTERS RELATED TO THE NAM SUMMIT, IN ADDITION TO POINTING OUT THAT BURMA HAD SUBMITTED A WRITTEN RESERVATION TO THE SUMMIT'S RESOLUTION ON KOREA, THE OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION HAD MADE A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO GET THE CONFERENCE TO ISSUE A SPECIAL STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE U.S. FOR THE PANMUNJOM

INCIDENT. THE EFFORT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, HE CONTINUED, LARGELY BECAUSE THE HIGH-PRESSURE LOBBYING TACTICS THE NORTH KOREANS USED THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE HAD OFFENDED MANY DELEGATIONS AND THUS MADE THEM UNRESPONSIVE TO THE DPRK'S PANMUNJOM APPEAL.

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3. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT
WILL AFFECT THE BURMESE POSITION ON KOREA. THEY DO
NOT BELIEVE SOUTH KOREA SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM A
PEACE CONFERENCE OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS TO SETTLE THE
KOREAN QUESTION.
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